

**Meramec Regional Planning Commission
Minutes
August 14, 2014**

Call to Order

Chairman T.R. Dudley called the August 14, 2014, meeting of the Meramec Regional Planning Commission to order at 7:38 p.m.

Consent Agenda

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval:

Minutes – June 12, 2014

Local Review

1. Rolla Regional Economic Commission, Rolla MO

..... 10.769 Rural Business Enterprise Grants.

..... Rolla National Airport Marketing

Federal: \$71,720

..... Applicant: 8,000

Local: 7,000

Total: \$86,720

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- Meramec Regional Planning Commission, St. James MO

10.168 Farmer's Market and Local Food Promotion Program

Meramec Agritourism/Agribusiness Marketing

Federal: \$84,627

- Waynesville Police Department, Waynesville MO

16.710-Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants

Hiring a veteran for additional career law enforcement officer

Federal: \$ 85,428

Applicant: 28,476

Total: \$113,904

- Mark Twain National Forest, Salem MO

EA: Proposal for Wolf Creek Bypass Project

- Rolla Public Schools, Rolla MO

10.769-Rural Business Enterprise Grants

New culinary program teaching resources

Federal: \$49,000

- The Curators of the University of Missouri, Rolla MO

84.116-Fund for the improvement of Postsecondary Education

STEM Student Success Network

Federal: \$2,207,120

- Mark Twain National Forest, Salem MO

Comments: Proposed West Fork Black River Bottomland Restoration project.

- North Crawford County Ambulance, Crawford County MO

10.766-Community Facilities Loans and Grants

Equipment purchase.

Federal: \$152,000

Statewide Grant Applications

.... 1. Department of Social Services, Jefferson City

..... State Plan: Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment State Plan

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2. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Jefferson City MO

Updates for Federal FY2015 State Plans for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Supported Employment Services.

- Department of Social Services, Jefferson City MO

IV-B State Plan-Child Welfare programs and procedures

- Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Jefferson City MO

84.184-Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Programs

Missouri School Emergency Operations Plan Improvement Program

Federal: \$500,485

- Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies, Washington D.C.

2014 Annual Meeting

- My River Home Boat Harbor, Portage Des Sioux MO

Poker Run/August 9, 2014

- HQ US Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City MO

EA: Kansas City, MO and Kansas City Flood Risk Management Project

- Department of Social Services, Jefferson City MO

State Plan Amendment-Plan amendment MO 14-16 allows for \$1.25 per diem rate increase to nursing facilities and HIV nursing facilities for dates of service beginning July 1, 2014-funding for this rate increase was included in the FY 2015 budget.

- U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C.

EA: Analyze the potential environmental impacts of a new fuel efficiency standards for commercial medium-duty and heavy-duty on –highway vehicles and work trucks manufactures after model year 2018.

- State of Missouri, Jefferson City MO

93.757-State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health financed in part by Prevention and Public Health Funding (PPHF). Missouri Actions to Prevent Obesity, Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke.

Federal: \$11,967,572

- Missouri Department of Agriculture, Jefferson City MO

66.605-Performance Partnership Grants

FY2015-17 Pesticide Program Performance Partnership Grant

Federal: \$1,900,842

Local: 693,630
Total: \$2,594,472

- Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City MO

66.458-Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds
FY-2014 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Capitalization Grant
Federal: \$38,868,000
State: 7,773,600
Total: \$46,641,600

Contracts

- Tuscolo Hill Vineyards, LLC

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract to provide technical assistance in the preparation of a loan application for Tuscolo Hill vineyards, LLC, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign any necessary documents.

- USDA Rural Development Farmers Market Promotion Program

On June 17, 2014, MRPC staff contacted the seven Executive Committee members, two in person and five via email, for approval to submit a grant application to USDA Rural Development Farmers Market Promotion Program for funding to complete Phase II of the Naturally Meramec project and authorizing the executive director to sign the grant application. Grant deadline was June 20, 2014. Five of the seven Executive Committee members, responded, all giving permission to submit the application. The remaining members did not respond to the request. Per the bylaws, staff requested that the full board affirm the Executive Committee's action.

Permission was requested that the chairman and/or executive director to be authorized to accept the grant, should it be awarded, and sign the grant award agreement and all other necessary documents.

- Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign a contract amendment of its 2013-2014 contract with the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone to cover cost overruns associated with the administration of the Certified Work Ready Communities planning projects, which was billed as a part of the existing contract instead of separately as originally intended. GVEZ board approved this contract increase at its June meeting.

- Subcontract for Coalition for Roadway Safety activities, pending grant approval

Permission was requested for the chairman and/or executive director to enter into a subcontract with Maggie Roberts to assist with an education component of the contract with the Central district Coalition for Roadway Safety, administered by Missouri Department of Transportation. Ms. Roberts will be working directly with schools on docudrama activities. Contract fees are included in the grant request to the coalition and are contingent on grant approval. Permission was requested for the chairman and/or executive director to sign all necessary paperwork.

- David and Franky Cahill, DBA Bulldog Body Shop

Permission was requested for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to enter into a contract to provide technical assistance in the preparation of a RLF/Microenterprise loan for David and Franky Cahill, dba Bulldog Body Shop, and for MRPC's chairman and/or executive director to sign all necessary documents.

Appointments

MRPC's approval was requested for four reappointments to the following boards:

- Meramec Regional Development Corporation

Maries County Commission recommended the reappointments of Tim Seams to the MRDC board.

Osage County Commission recommends the reappointment of Tom Klebba to the MRDC board.

- Meramec Regional Planning Commission

Phelps County Commission recommended the reappointment of Brenda Hughes for at-large for Healthcare to the MRPC board.

Leo Sanders made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; John Casey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

EPA's Clean Power Plan to Cut Carbon Emissions on Existing Power Plants, Don Shaw, CEO/General Manager of Central Electric Power Cooperative

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..... Mr. Shaw discussed the impact of proposed EPA regulations to reduce carbon emission on existing power plants among other EPA regulations impacting cooperatives, and in turn impacting local governments and businesses. Shaw has served at Central Electric for over 40 years, starting as an electrical engineer and advancing with positions as the chief engineer and manager of engineering and technical services. He was selected as the CEO/General Manager in 1992 and continues in that role. Central Electric Power Cooperative is headquartered in Jefferson City and is an electric generation and transmission cooperative. Central is owned by and delivers power to eight distribution cooperatives, including Three Rivers Electric Cooperative in Linn.

..... Since most utilities maintain power plants as efficiently as possible, onsite measures to increase efficiency and limit CO2 emissions will likely yield small reductions, Mr. Shaw said. Even if the US makes great strides to reduce its carbon footprint, there is no global effort and carbon emissions are increasing. When EPA released its proposed rule in June, it seeks to require greater CO2 emission reductions than can be achieved at individual power plants by looking beyond the individual plans and considering the entire electric utility system from generator to the end-use consumer to determine the best system of emission reduction.

..... These proposed requirements could force the shift of electricity generation from coal to lower-emitting fossil units, such as natural gas, or to non-emitting sources, like wind or solar which have a greater per kilowatt hour cost.

..... This regulation could threaten system reliability and affordability for electric co-op consumer members. Mr. Shaw advised the board that the public comment period ends October 16.

Sustainable Ozarks Partnership—2014 Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA), Joe Driskill, Executive Director of the Leonard Wood Institute

Mr. Driskill updated the board on SPEA. The Army is currently doing an analysis (SPEA) of the economic impacts that could result from future personnel reductions at 30 Army installations, including Fort Leonard Wood (FLW). Because of the budget deadlock in Washington, D.C., the Army assumes it may have to cut its overall size from 562,000 to 420,000 soldiers by 2020. As a part of the reduction, the Army is studying the impact of cutting up to 5,400 military positions at FLW, of roughly 9,200 authorized positions. This would mean the elimination of 59 percent of FLW's permanent party positions.

Based on the Army's study, cuts on FLW could cause the FLW region to lose 13 percent of its jobs. Retail sales could drop 12 percent, and there would be a 9 percent loss of population. The impacts of cuts at FLW will be even more severe in Laclede, Pulaski and Phelps Counties. It is expected that school enrollment would drop by 3,900 students K-12

The Army's current public comment period ends on August 25, 2014. Mr. Driskill encourages board members to provide comments opposing the possible reductions and supporting the consolidation of Army missions from elsewhere to FLW.

John Casey made a motion to send a letter opposing the possible reductions at Ft. Leonard Wood; seconded by James Morgan. The motion carried.

Board member Ken Bassett encourages all board members to send individual letters as well.

Board and Committee Reports

External Relations Committee: Darrell Skiles, chairman

Due to the committee rotation, the committee reviewed chair and vice chair positions.

The committee re-elected Darrell Skiles as chair and Leo Sanders as vice-chair.

The External Relations Committee reviewed two recommendations for a MRPC representative to serve on the MRCF board and recommended T.R. Dudley.

Darrell Skiles made the motion to appoint T.R. Dudley to represent MRPC on the MRCF board; seconded by John Casey. The motion carried.

Staff provided an update on legislative issues and discussed the meeting schedule with state and federal legislative delegations and state priorities for the 2015 legislative session. Committee discussed the veto session and recommended a letter from MRPC.

Darrell Skiles made a motion to provide a letter to state legislators in support of the Governor's veto of bills regarding local sales tax revenues; seconded by Leo Sanders. The motion carried.

Committee members addressed implementation of Board Strategic Advance participant suggestions on current and future programs and services. If anyone has ideas, please share with staff.

Committee reviewed the site solicitation forms. The site selected to host the 2014

Annual dinner is Camp Mihaska near Bourbon, in Crawford County. The deadline for award nominations was extended to Sept. 2, 2014 at close of business.

Operations Committee: Marvin Wright, chairman

After committee review and approval, Marvin Wright made a motion to approve the MRPC financial statements and MRPC/MRDC-RLF & IRP program financial statements for the period ended June 30, 2014 and July 31, 2014; seconded by Gene Newkirk. The motion carried.

Due to committee rotation, selection of committee leadership was reviewed. Marvin Wright was selected for chair, and Gene Newkirk as vice chair.

Staff presented a revised senior community development specialist job description. The committee approved the position. Marvin Wright made the motion to approve the revised senior community development specialist job description; seconded by Ray Schwartze. The motion carried.

The committee discussed an IRP loan in default and settlement offer. Marvin Wright made a motion to accept the settlement; seconded by Ken Bassett. The motion carried.

Planning Committee: James Morgan, chairman

Bonnie Prigge shared information about Enhanced Enterprise Zones and MRPC's work with the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone. The presentation was very insightful.

Due to committee rotation, selection of committee leadership and overview of committee purpose and member responsibilities was reviewed. James Morgan was re-appointed as chair, and T.R. Dudley as vice chair.

Members discussed future workshops suggested during the Board Strategic Advance. Workshops suggested, were budgeting, personnel manual, forecasting and funding resources. Members also expressed that both member and non-member communities and counties should be allowed to attend future workshops. Members should be charged a fee to cover the cost of food or materials needed. Non-members should be assessed an additional fee beyond the fee of members.

Housing Advisory Board: Marvin Wright, chairman

No report was given.

Transportation Advisory Committee: John Casey, at-large representative for transportation
John Casey reported on TAC activities as follows:

New officers were elected with Leo Sanders to serve as chair; Darrell Skiles to serve as vice chair and Marvin Wright to serve as secretary.

The defeat of amendment 7 was discussed. MoDOT will do the best it can with funds available. The federal highway transportation bill was approved through May 2015.

Chip and Seal is almost done in the Meramec Region.

Safety programs were discussed. There was a 47% reduction in accidents.

LPA training certification was announced. Training is required for anyone applying and receiving a grant through MoDOT.

Kelly Wilson of MoDOT announced the upcoming Transportation Alternatives grant program. Deadline for this grant round is October 31, 2014.

Environmental and Meramec Regional Emergency Planning Committee

Staff passed out a report on environmental and MREPC activities. Report is attached.

Business Loans: Marla Stevenson, at-large representative for banking

Staff is meeting with banks to promote MRDC, increasing marketing of the programs offered. There is \$834,000 in the RLF fund to lend. Current interest on a 20 year note is 2.2905%. Staff is currently working on one loan. A report was handed out and is attached.

Workforce Development

No report was given.

Meramec Community Enhancement Corporation:

No report was given.

Meramec Region Community Foundation

The annual meeting was held and Michael Chatman was the guest speaker. His presentation on how to talk to potential clients about donations was very informative. The fund balance is \$600,000 and continues to grow. The foundation would like to establish a disaster relief fund for every county, so fund would be ready when needed.

Director's Report

Bonnie Prigge, MRPC director, reported as follows:

- Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) will open in September with a 20 percent match on all requests.
- Grant deadline is tentatively Oct. 31, 2014.
- Bonnie thanked Hermann for submitting a proposal for the annual dinner; unfortunately the site was outside the Meramec region.
- Several updates to the building have been completed this summer:
 - Parking lot has been expanded.
 - Air Condition unit installed in small conference room for the server.
 - New tile in the hallways to replace carpeting.
 - Truck was sold.
- The due statements will be mailed out soon.

Chairman's Report

T.R. Dudley announced the Annual Farm Tour was Aug. 23 in Washington Co., encouraged the board to attend.

Adjourn

Dennis Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.; Dave Dudenhoeffer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

T.R. Dudley, chairman

Mary Heywood, secretary